GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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REGULARISATION OF SPECIALIST DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDA Standing Committee in its meeting held on October 27, 2001 has directed the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to take immediate action in consultation with UPSC to ensure that the locally available doctors holding specialist posts are regularized;

(b) if so, the number of doctors working as ad-hoc specialists in the Health Department of Andaman and Nicobar Administration;

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far to regularize them in the posts; and

(d) if not, by when the above decision of IDA Standing Committee would be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) IDA Standing Committee meeting held on 17.10.01 (and not on 27.10.01) had directed this Ministry to take immediate action in consultation with UPSC to ensure that the locally available doctors holding ad hoc posts are regularized.

(b) There are eight doctors working as ad-hoc Specialists in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) and (d) Specialists are appointed on regular basis only through UPSC. And ad hoc doctors have to apply as and when vacancies are advertised by the UPSC. This Ministry had invited application from candidates willing to serve in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on deputation/permanent absorption basis. Out of the 8 doctors working on ad-hoc basis in Andaman and Nicobar Islands 6 applied for deputation/absorption in response to these advertisement. UPSC has recommended 3 of these candidates for deputation. The recommendations of UPSC are under consideration .